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Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada

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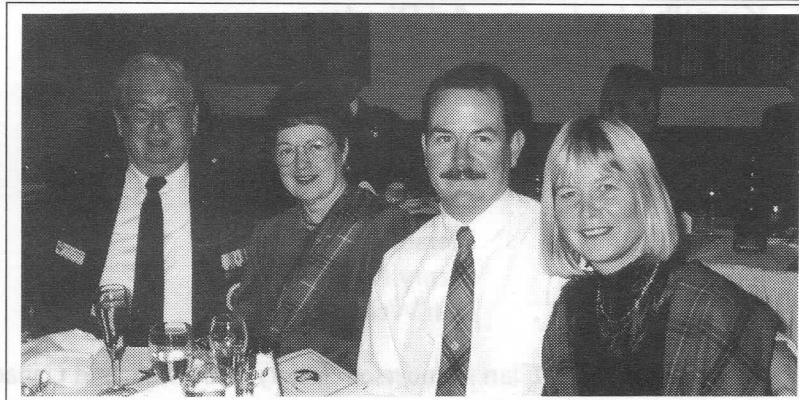
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Claude and Ann Henderson  
with Lachlan and Regitze  
Henderson at the Clans of  
Scotland Burn's Supper in  
Northern Virginia.



Chief's Family

## Lachlan and Regitze Henderson Visit U.S.

by Claude and Ann Henderson

We, as are most Clan Henderson members, are always happy to have visits from folks we meet through our Scottish activities, whether it be from other countries or our own. Meeting and getting to know people is a large part of what Scottish activities are about.

The January highlight at our home was the visit from Australia of Lachlan and Regitze Henderson and their daughters, Nina and Britt. Lach is the son of our Chief, Dr. John and Gwen Henderson. It was delightful to have them in our home. When we were on tour in Australia in 1995, Lach picked us up at our hotel on the Gold Coast, took us to their home for a lovely afternoon visiting with the family and then again for tea the next day. We had learned they had plans visit the U.S. again, and we have looked forward to a visit from them since that time.

When we have guests from other places, we are anxious for as many of our friends as possible to meet them. This visit came at an excellent time, as it coincided with the Clans of Scotland Burns night celebration. We met Russell and Judy Henderson and other friends at the dinner. When Lach was introduced by the master of ceremonies, he extended a greeting from our chief.

Nina and Britt were invited to spend that time with our granddaughters, Melanie and Emily, where another birthday celebration was taking place.

Their visit with us was far too short. After arriving on Thursday night, they did a day of sightseeing in Washington on Friday. Nina and Britt did take a break from a busy schedule to spend a relaxed day at home with us on Saturday while Regitze and Lach did some fast pace sightseeing again in Washington.

On Sunday, we all went to Washington together to visit the National Cathedral and some other places not covered before. Lach then left for a business meeting in Orlando. Regitze, Nina, and Britt left the following day for New Orleans where they met for more sightseeing, and then on to Las Vegas, Hollywood, and Disneyland.

Before coming to our area they had been to Regitze's native Denmark, spent time in Connecticut, New York, and skiing in Vermont.

We have had a recent letter. Everyone was home safely, had a wonderful holiday, and I think glad to be back to a warm climate. The girls were especially happy to have their own home, rooms, and toys after being away more than a month. This was a great experience for us and hopefully they will return someday for a longer stay.

# An Canach

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Clan Henderson dues are US \$10 per year per family (Family includes Henderson and spouse and children under 18)



Your year begins when you join.

While there are no Life Memberships, you may pay for several years at a time — please advise the purpose of your overpayment.



While you should be receiving a renewal postcard each year, it is quite correct for you to send your member number & dues without it.



Address changes  
go here as well,  
not to An Canach



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Our mailing list is maintained by the Clan Secretary and changes should be submitted directly to him.

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# Henderson's Gathering in July 1998 at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

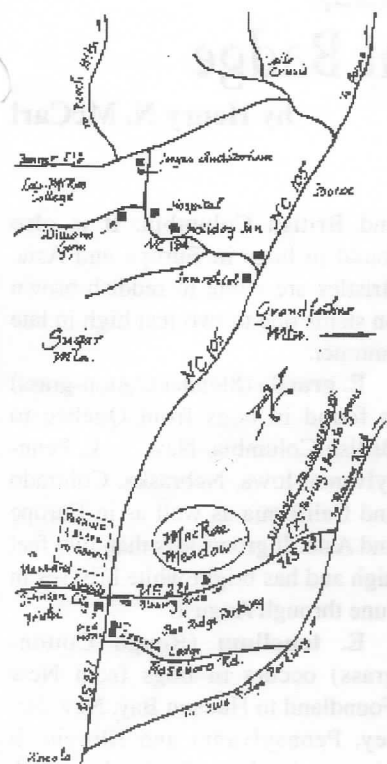
10th Annual General Meeting

by Claude Henderson,  
High Commissioner

Ten years ago on Saturday, 9 July 1988, Walter M. (Toby) Parrish Jr., and the following Hendersons, David S., George C., Kim, Claude A., Douglas C., Kyle, Charles, and Chris met on a hill side, under the trees at Grandfather Mountain and decided to organize the Clan Henderson Society of the United States.

The following day, this small and determined group were joined by Ken Henderson and Toby's son, Andrew, as they took part in the Tartan Parade. In the afternoon, a business meeting was held; Toby Parrish and David S. Henderson were elected President and Vice President, respectively. Claude Henderson agreed to accept the office of Secretary and Treasurer and the rest is history. These members were joined by many others who have dedicated many hours of labor to create the Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada as it is today.

This year as we meet at Grandfather on our 10th Anniversary, we ask all who can come, to do so and to help us celebrate what has been accomplished and to re-dedicate our efforts to making our society even better in the future. There is so much more we can do to preserve our heritage, and provide assistance to those interested in furthering their studies of Scottish arts and culture.



Plan now for our  
10th Anniversary Gathering  
at the  
Grandfather Mountain  
Highland Games  
9-12 July 1998.

Henderson Events  
are not quite set as  
An Canach  
goes to press.

You may contact  
Sugar Mountain Real Estate  
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In the election this year,  
officers will be elected for  
both the US Society and  
the new Canadian  
Society. You have to be  
there to vote!





*This article was originally presented when there were less than 300 member families*



*We thought you might be interested*

# Canach (Cotton-Grass)

## Our Henderson Clan Plant Badge

by Henry N. McCarl

During the Stone Mountain Highland Games in October 1989, some of our Henderson cousins prevailed upon me to write a short article on cotton-grass. It seems that all of us are interested in where to find our plant badge, and Mary and I had actually seen it growing in the bogs of Cape Ann, Massachusetts. In fact, we had collected a few sprigs in Gloucester, but had forgotten to bring them with us to Atlanta.

### An Canach

Since our newsletter is called *An Canach*, it is appropriate to discuss this species of sedge here. Cotton-grass is a bog sedge, perennial in nature, propagated by the growth of rootstocks. The stems are typically sedge-shaped, normally triangular in cross-section (terete), and most easily identified when gone to seed in late summer when the flowers (composed of multiple bristles) resemble cotton puffs. In fact, it is a real thrill to see a bog containing cotton-grass with the flowers resembling cottonballs (no apologies to Johnson and Johnson) waving in the late summer breezes.

### Varieties

There are apparently ten varieties in the North America with the scientific name, *Eriophorum* (sometimes *Eriophoretum*), generally abbreviated by the capital letter "E." They all tend to grow in bogs, and tend to prefer higher altitudes and colder climates (just like the Highlands). They can be found in coastal bogs somewhat elevated above sea level.

In September 1989, we found what I believe to be *E. opacum*, the Close-sheathed Cotton Grass with its brownish white bristles, in a bog on Eastern Point, in East Gloucester on Cape Ann, Massachusetts, about 40 miles north of Boston. It was 75 feet above sea level and about one

mile inland. We were in an isolated bog with a variety of other grasses and sedges present. The flowers, or bristles, looked from a distance, like little cotton balls suspended on thin triangular stems. Closer examination showed that they were little puffs of delicate brownish-white bristles. Many bristles are attached to individual seeds held in a small sheath at the top of each stem.

*E. alpinum* (Alpine Cotton-grass) occurs in bogs from Newfoundland to Hudson Bay to British Columbia and south to Connecticut, northern New York and Michigan. It is also found in Europe and Asia. Growing to a height of six to ten feet, it blooms in the summer and bears dull brown bristles. *E. alpinum* would be hard to identify in a bog or in your bonnet. A good plant badge can be worn as a sign of the clan, to distinguish men in battle or just for identification at a distance.

*E. Scheuchzeri* (Scheuchzer's Cottongrass) occurs in bogs in Canada, Europe and Asia, and blooms in the summer with dull brown bristles on stems that grow 10 to 16 feet tall.

*E. Chamissonis* (Russet Cotton-grass) occurs across the same range and blooms from June through August. The four foot tall stems sport bright reddish-brown or white bristles.

### Bogs and More Bogs

Bogs across Canada and Alaska and south to Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin are where *E. callithrix* (sheathed Cotton-grass) will be found. The white to reddish-brown bristles top 8 to 20 foot stems from June through August.

*E. opacum* (Close-sheathed Cotton-grass) occurs in bogs from main and Massachusetts north to Ontario and west to Yukon Territory

and British Columbia. It is also found in bogs in Europe and Asia. Bristles are white to reddish-brown on stems one to two feet high in late summer.

*E. gracile* (Slender Cotton-grass) is found in bogs from Quebec to British Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and California as well as in Europe and Asia. It grows less than two feet high and has bright white bristles in June through August.

*E. tenellum* (Rough Cotton-grass) occurs in bogs from New Foundland to Hudson Bay, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Illinois. It blooms in June–September with bright white bristles on stems up to 2 and 1/2 feet tall. *E. angustifolium* (Tall Cotton-grass) is really not more than 2 feet tall, but has numerous long bright white bristles in June–August. It is found in bogs from Newfoundland to Alaska, Maine, Illinois, Colorado and Oregon as well as in Europe and Asia.

*E. viridicarinatum* (Thin-leaved Cotton-grass) has thin green, grass-like leaves which are flat and 1 to 3 inches wide. Stems may reach lengths of 6 feet and have abundant white to yellowish-white bristles in late summer. It is found in wet meadows and bogs from Newfoundland to British Columbia, south to New York, Georgia, Ohio and Michigan. This is one of only two species found in the Southeastern US, generally in mountain bogs and high, wet meadows.

The other species that may be found in the Southeastern US is *E. virginicum* (Virginia Cotton-grass) found from Newfoundland to Manitoba south to Florida and Nebraska. Virginia Cotton-grass may grow to 4 feet in height with numerous brown to light brown (rarely white) bristles in June–September. It has been reported to occur in moun-



tain bogs in North Carolina and Virginia, from which it takes its name.

#### And More Cotton-Grass

Cotton-grass bogs are common in the Highlands of Scotland and the mountains of Northern England, where they occupy very extensive areas on the flat or gently sloping plateaus at elevations between 1200 and 2200 feet above sea level. The cotton-grass is not only the dominant, but often the only vascular plant over wide areas, and is active in the formation of peat which may be as much as 30 feet thick and consists mostly of the remains of the dominant species of plant in the bog. **E. angustifolium** and **E. vaginatum** are abundant in Northern England,

with the latter species occupying drier peat bogs than the former which is commonly found in bogs that are consistently wet. This should lead us to look for cotton-grass varieties in similar terrain in the US.

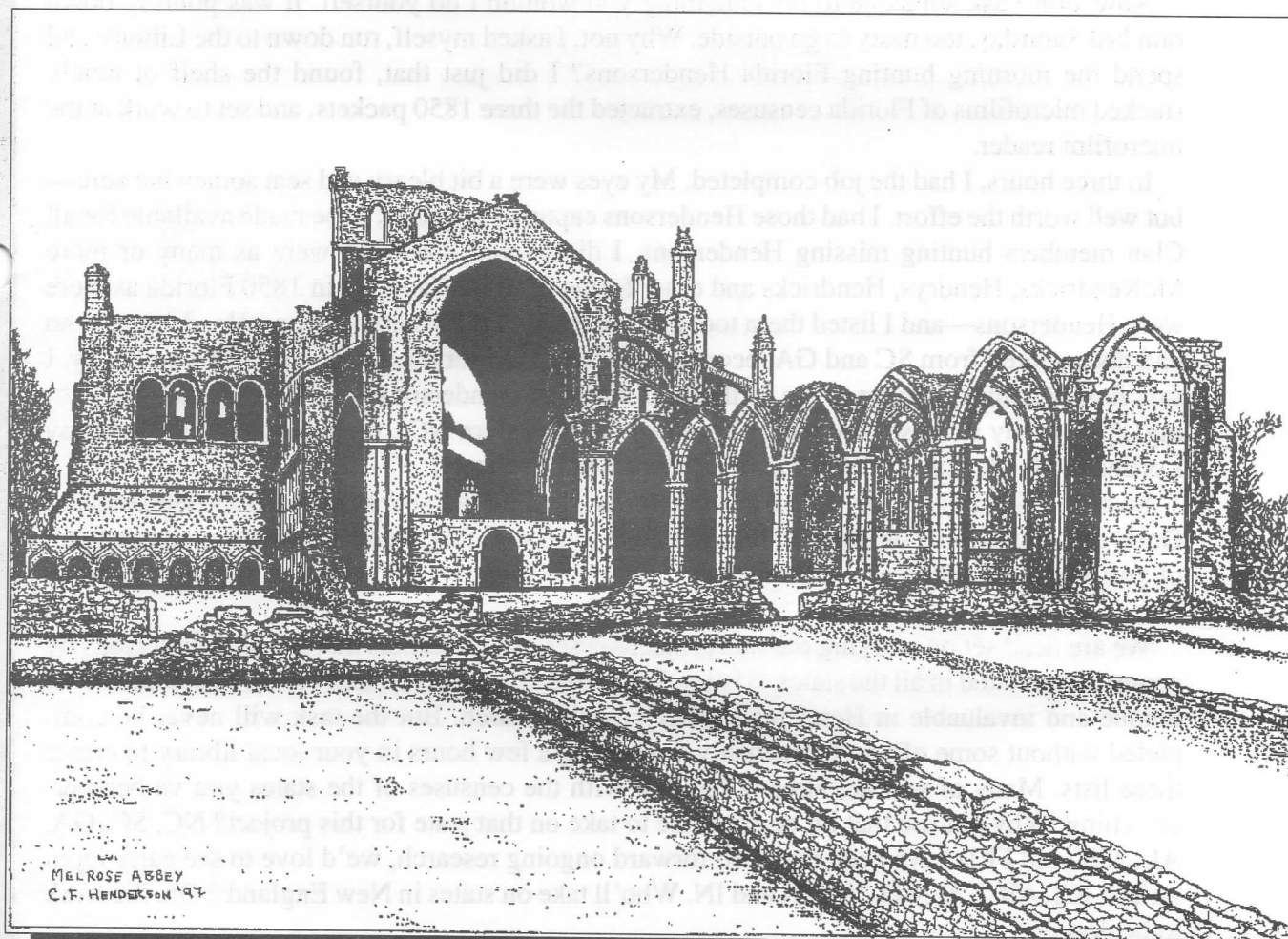
#### Research Sources

Greater detail on the Cotton-grass varieties described above may be found in N.L. Britton, and A. Brown, *An Illustrated Flora of the Northern United States and Canada*, Volume I (of 3), New York: Dover Publications, Inc, 1970, pp.322-326, and A. G. Tansley, *The British Islands and Their Vegetation*, Volume II, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1949, pp. 700-720 (Chapter XXXV

(35) on "The Moss or Bog Formation (continued)"). These sources provided much of the information presented above.

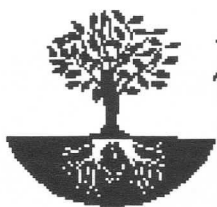
#### Let's Get Hunting

We would like to encourage members of Clan Henderson to explore for sources of Cotton-grass, and let us know where it may be found in the North America. It is a hearty native species that might survive if transplanted from its native habitat to a similar environment in other parts of the U.S., but we would encourage you to look for it in its natural environment rather than try to propagate it in the swamp (bog) near your home.



Original Art by

C. F. Henderson Jr. FSA Scot



# Henderson

## ROOTS & TWIGS

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot  
Clan Genealogist

Dear cousins:

In my last column, I asked you to consider taking part in a Clan-wide project to collect and publish all Hendersons in the 1850 state censuses, county by county. We start in 1850, because that's when the censuses began to include every family member's name. (If this goes well, then we'll tackle 1860 and 1870.)

We need volunteers to look at the census microfilms in your local library for the state of your choice and jot down the Hendersons named in each county. We provide simple, uniform worksheets to make the job as simple as possible. Fill in the blanks, send the data to Bob Henderson, and you're all done!

Now, don't ask someone to do something you wouldn't do yourself. It was pouring down rain last Saturday, too nasty to go outside. Why not, I asked myself, run down to the Library and spend the morning hunting Florida Hendersons? I did just that, found the shelf of neatly stacked microfilms of Florida censuses, extracted the three 1850 packets, and set to work at the microfilm reader.

In three hours, I had the job completed. My eyes were a bit bleary and seat somewhat sore—but well worth the effort. I had those Hendersons captured on paper, to be made available for all Clan members hunting missing Hendersons. I discovered that there were as many or more McKendricks, Hendrys, Hendricks and other forms of us McEanruigs in 1850 Florida as there were Hendersons—and I listed them too. I found some of our Clan members' Hendersons who had disappeared from SC and GA records, then living in Florida. As the microfilm rolled by, I saw family names familiar to me as those of wives of Hendersons—a goldmine for researching! And, to my surprise (my family sprouted out of eastern NC), there seemed to be as many Loftins as Hendersons in 1850 Florida. (More work for later!)

So next I'll bundle up my filled-in worksheets, send them to overworked Bob Henderson in Greer SC, and (sooner or later) he'll have them processed and printed and made available to all of you hunting Hendersons in Florida.

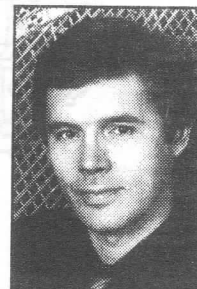
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We are dead set on carrying out this project—a series of booklets that list all Hendersons by county to be found in all the states existing in 1850 (and, later, 1860 and 1870). These should be unique and invaluable in Henderson genealogical research. But the task will never be completed without some of you Clansmen volunteering a few hours in your local library to create these lists. Many of you are already familiar with the censuses of the states you've been researching. Why not use that bit of expertise to take on that state for this project? NC, SC, GA, AL, MS (and FL!) have been done. To forward ongoing research, we'd love to see early input on TN, KY, AR, LA, MO, VA, PA and IN. Who'll take on states in New England? Oh, the work to be done!

We do need YOU! Can I make it any clearer? Are you interested but still hesitant? Then, please!, contact Bob Henderson, 119 Pinewood Dr, Greer SC 29651; ph (864) 877-2424.

Yours aye, HORACE

# A Tribute to Bruce and Skylar Henderson of Fountain Green, Utah



Dear Cousins,

**B**ruce Henderson was very excited to discover the existence of the Clan Henderson Society last year. He loaded his wife, Catharine, and eight of their nine children into his van and headed for Estes Park, Colorado, where he enthusiastically met his Henderson cousins.

Family roots have always been important to him. He spent every lunch hour for many years searching out his genealogy. He spent his life gathering and organizing. Even as a small child, he organized everything around him. In stores he always lagged behind straightening shelves. He felt this trait came with him from the pre-existence.

Catharine tried to push collections out the door to make room for children, but, alas, Bruce lovingly started each child out with many collections of their own. Each night he arrived home with items tucked under his arm. As the children excit-

edly danced around him, he'd ask, "Now who did all their work today?"

He loved animals, particularly reptiles. They often were late for church or an even because of a sudden stop where everyone scrambled out after daddy to chase a lizard or snake. They had many pets.

Catharine always said that Bruce was the most unassuming, kind and gentle man on the face of the earth. Without drawing attention to himself, he listened to others and whom-ever he was with, always felt that he esteemed them of great worth.

On February 26, Bruce and his thirteen year old son, Skylar, were killed in an automobile accident on an icy road.

Skylar was home schooled, played the trombone, and was studying violin. He was taking karate and was quite good at it. He kept us laughing. Bruce said that his own "English" inhibitions came out in Skylar.

Skylar wanted to be a comedian and make people laugh at the "good and wholesome" things of life. When he was three years old, he was trying to express how much he loved his mother and said "this much." "Bigger than the whole house". Then he lovingly pulled her face to him with his little hands and said, "Mommy, you know how much a willy love you? I love you more than a dog that doesn't stink."

These two Hendersons will be greatly missed. The funeral was filled beyond capacity. Catharine sang "I Heard Him Come." Each of the children spoke. Four year old Charity boldly said, "We will do what is right and we will be with Daddy and Skylar again."

Love you all,

Catharine and Family

## Wedding

Allen William Henderson and Cynthia McPeters were married 11 October 1997. Allen is the son of Paul A. #0011 and Betty Henderson of Pinehurst, North Carolina, and nephew of Robert H. #0036 and Mary Henderson of Loveland, Colorado.

Kaylie Nielsen was born 24 November 1997, daughter of Amy and Adam Nielsen and granddaughter of Della #1688 and Edward T. Lane, all of of Grand Island, Nebraska

Zella Marie Stewart was born 5 May 1997 in Redwood City, California. She is the granddaughter of #1505 Elaine and John B. Stewart of Charlotte, North Carolina and daughter of Seann and Shannon Stewart.

MacStork



Flowers of the Forest

Margaret Adcock Henderson, born 15 September 1920, died 31 January 1998. She was the wife of Dr. Andrew M. Henderson of Mooresville and the mother of Mack Henderson who is active in the Clan Henderson activities in North Carolina. Services were held at the Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, North Carolina, conducted by Fred Coates and Ed Lewis. Graveside services were held at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, North Carolina, by Rev. Jeff Lowrance ( Chaplain of the Loch Norman Highland games). Two members of the Loch Norman Bag Pipe Band played at the graveyard services.

## Ed. Note:

**Memorials for Bruce Henderson's family — Catharine Henderson and her eight children—can be sent to the Clan Henderson Treasurer prior to the Annual General Meeting.**







# Clan Henderson Society Of The United States And Canada

## Office Of The Treasurer

Financial Report  
31 December 1997

### Financial Summary

**Beginning Balance – 1 January 1997** **\$9,677.43**

Total Receipts	12,314.72
Total Expenditures	12,029.79

**Account Balance – 31 December 1997** **\$9,962.36**

#### Chief's Fund

Beginning Balance	2,288.31
Ending Balance	2,181.31

**Operational Balance – 31 December 1997** **\$7,781.05**



**Beginning Balance 1 January 1997** **\$9,677.43**

#### Receipts:

##### Membership Dues

1995	20.00
1996	260.00
1997	3,432.30
1998	4,594.63
1999	414.11
2000	148.51
2001	50.00
2002	10.00

Total Membership Dues 8,939.55

##### Henderson Goods

Caps	306.00
Decals	45.50
Raffle Tickets	246.00
Sweatshirts	199.00
Tee Shirts	500.00

Total Henderson Goods 1,296.50

##### Donations

An Canach	70.00
Chief's Fund	118.00
Genealogy	1,054.13
General	648.34
Postage	47.00
Canadian	16.86
Game	95.00

Total Donations 2,049.33

Bank Interest 25.34

Bad Check Remittance 4.00

Total Receipts: 12,314.72

## Expenditures:

Administration		
President	295.85	
Secretary US	638.64	
Secretary CDN	111.47	
Treasurer	133.85	
Genealogist US	921.66	
Genealogist CDN	44.96	
Banking Charges	84.11	
Postage	74.28	
Total Administration		2,304.82
An Canach		
Editor	191.99	
Postage	1,840.47	
Printing	3,253.45	
Total An Canach		5,285.91
Henderson Goods		
Caps	309.60	
Sweatshirts	713.00	
Tee Shirts	792.72	
Total Henderson Goods		1,815.32
Highland Events		
Grandfather Mtn.	400.00	
Stone Mtn.	163.00	
Murfreeboro	90.00	
Fergus	60.00	
Waxhaw	45.00	
Total Highland Events		758.00
Promotional		
Advertising	920.00	
CASSOC	80.00	
Charity	25.00	
COSCA	25.00	
Brochures	365.75	
Youth Award	200.00	
Total Promotional		1,615.75
Regional Expense		
Mid East	104.99	
Mid South	145.00	
Total Regional		249.99

Total Expenditures:

12,029.79

**Account Balance****\$9,962.36****Status Of Chief's Fund**

Beginning Balance

2,288.31

Donations

118.00

Expenditures

Charity 25.00

Youth Award 200.00

Total Expenditures

225.00

Ending Balance, Chief's Fund

2,181.31

**Total For Operations****\$7,781.05**



# The Bodyguard—Who Are They?

by Rex Maddox  
Head of the Bodyguard

## The Body- guard Needs You

Formed in 1993 to support the Chief, Chieftains and Clan activities at Games and Festivals, the Bodyguard has slowly grown to a force of seventeen volunteers who represent several of the Clan's Regions. They serve to ensure proper ceremonial procedures are carried out on any visit of the Chief to our country and also provide our Chieftain and High Commissioner, Claude Henderson, with the support required of his office. Additionally, the Bodyguard members serve as assistants to the Clan's Convenors who have the responsibility for Games and Festival representation. In this area, the Bodyguard member is to assist the Convenor in setting up his tent and display and also make arrangements for a piper to lead the Clan Walkabout, should a Clan piper not be available. He is also responsible for the proper formation of our Walkabout and parade activities and will carry the Clan tartan flag to "Kirkin' of the Tartan" services, if requested by the convenor.



Head of the Bodyguard, Rex Maddox, helped Rich Goodwin during the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk. Rich is expected to be nominated by his Commissioner for the Mid East Regional Bodyguard position.

Our current Clan Bodyguard structure follows the Region and State/Province concept established for Clan management in the United States and Canada. Of the Regions represented, the Southeast has filled all of its Bodyguard positions and has an aggressive plan in place for further expansion within that Region. Other Regions have nominated and received appointments for State Bodyguard Leaders, as well as their Region Leadership.

Current Bodyguard membership comprises the following:

<b>Northeast Region</b>	John T. McHenry
Connecticut Leader	Paul Standing
<b>Southeast Region</b>	James A. Martin
Florida Leader	Kevin S. Henderson
Georgia Leader	Dr. Edwin P. Hendricks, Jr.
Georgia Member	Lane Henderson
Georgia Member	James J. Clay
North Carolina Leader	Andrew M Henderson
South Carolina Leader	John J. King
<b>Great Lakes Region</b>	David C. Henderson
<b>Mid South Region</b>	Warren C. Henderson
Alabama Leader	Cary F. Henderson
Mississippi Leader	Mark A. Henderson
<b>North Pacific Region</b>	Stephen Henderson
Washington Leader	
<b>Central Canada Region</b>	Donald M. Henderson

In addition to the vacancy noted above for the North Pacific Region which was caused by the passing of our Comrade and Friend, Donald A. Henderson, the Northeast Region lost an active Bodyguard member, New York State Leader Paul R. Henderson, earlier this year.

Vacancies exist in all Regions and States/Provinces not indicated above. With the recent division of the Clan's Canadian management into three Regions, two additional appointments are available in that area as Regional Bodyguard Leaders—Eastern Canada and Western Canada. All Canadian Provinces have vacancies for Leaders. Applications should be made to the Canadian Regional Commissioners (see page 23).

It should be noted that the following U.S. Regions have vacancies and these can be filled by making requests to the Commissioner of that Region—Mid East, North Central, Far South, South West, and South Pacific. All states associated with these Regions, as well as those in the Regions noted above where no representation is shown, have vacancies for State Bodyguard Leaders.

Application for any open position should be made directly to the Region Commissioner, Region Bodyguard Leader or State Leader, for Bodyguard membership. All applicants must be current members of the Clan (dues paid for at least one year) and have a kilt made of Henderson tartan.

Nominations to the Bodyguard are received by the Head of the Bodyguard who ensures all requirements are met for Bodyguard membership and responds with a letter of appointment. The "Badge of Office" for Region Leaders is a red sash while State Leaders were blue.



# Henderson Goods

## Retail Items Order Form

Henderson Goods are available from your Regional Commissioner or local Convenor

You may also order directly from the Clan Quartermaster

All addresses are listed on page 23.

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Cap, Mesh Indicate Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 6.00		
Cap, Golf Indicate Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 6.00		
Pillow Kit, Needlepoint, Clan Badge	\$70.00		
Decal Indicate Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Outside <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 1.50		

We will soon be able to offer a  
pewter Clan Badge \$12.00 \$ 3.00  
Kilt Pin \$15.00 \$ 3.00  
Orders are being accepted by the Clan Quartermaster.  
Checks only please.

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Clothing Items have Clan Badge printed on them			
T-shirt, Indicate Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Indicate Size—S_, M_, L_, XL_, XXL_	\$10.00		
Sweat Shirt Indicate Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Indicate Size—S_, M_, L_, XL_, XXL_	\$10.00		

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They will embroider our clan badge on your choice of the following shirts.  
Please order directly from Highland Embroidery.

### • Pique Style Golf Shirts . . PGS – \$34.00

This is a textured weave knit that is very popular.  
Colors: White, Navy, Forest, Black, Gold, Gray  
Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL \*\*

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# A Grandparents' Letter



**Nine-year-old Alyssa Ashley Nuttall with some of the medals and trophies she has won as a highland dancer between February 1995 and November 1997,**

warm welcome extended at the Henderson tent to us, my wife (the Henderson member of the family), my granddaughter who was competing in the Highland Dancing, and myself, made it an easy decision to accept the members' invitation to join the Society.

The October issue of the Society newsletter, *An Canach*, was delivered yesterday, and while reading through it we were congratulating you on producing an interesting and well balanced newsletter. Imagine our pleasant surprise finding the photograph on page 17 of Leslie Brett and our grand-daughter Alyssa at Fergus. It recalled happy memories for us, especially of those at the Henderson Society tent.

As new members and first generation im-

migrants, it would be interesting to see a roster of Society members, and structure by region. However, I have no idea how wide such an interest would extend to suggest you include it as a supplement to a volume of your newsletter. It may assist in promoting common interests among members at the local or regional levels.

[Ed. Note: Like most organizations, we do not publish or share our membership list. We try to keep regional commissioners up on their membership—the commissioner can pass the information on to a local convenor]

I would appreciate knowing the Society's policy and your views on efforts to increase Society membership.

[Ed. Note: Direct mail doesn't seem to work. The best and most effective method to gather the clan is face to face.]

Does the Society consider it appropriate or meaningful to call those within the local dialing area to advise them about the society and find whether or not they would be interested in becoming members? Is there promotional material available, such as the clan pamphlets and perhaps some copies of the newsletter for giving to those interested to inform them about the Society and the interests and activities of its members?

To provide some background on Alyssa, I trust you can see past my obvious lack of ability with a camera. Her photograph at one year old in the arms of a Pipe-major, taken professionally by a roving photographer at Maxwell Highland games, appeared for several years in the Ontario magazine. These are some medals and trophies she won at various Highland Dance Association Competitions since she entered competitions in May, 1995. The dancers progress through various levels, Be-

ginners, Novice, Intermediate, and this year she enters Premier level.

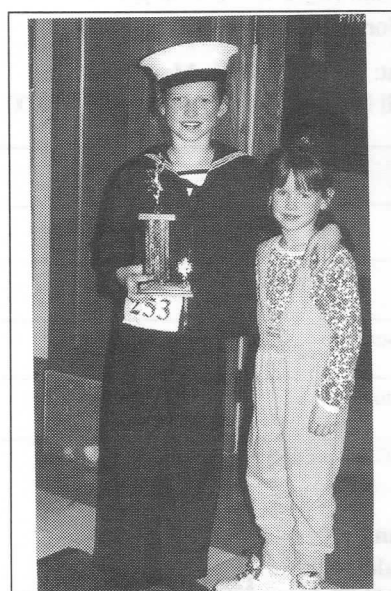
She was introduced to Highland Dancing by her paternal Grandmother and Aunt Karen, a former dancer and teacher, but her parents ensured it was her own decision to compete, and she started winning medals from her first competition.

We are very happy for her participation because of the camaraderie that exists throughout the competitors, how the participants all cheer the winners, and the friendships that develop along the way. I recall an event early on, where Alyssa noticed another young participant who was very sad because she didn't win a medal. Alyssa went over and said, "Don't feel sad. It's OK! You can have one of mine! Here!" I think she had three that day. I would encourage any parents whose children would really like to participate in Highland Dance, to consider providing them the opportunity. It gets to be costly, for lessons, highland dress, and the travel etc. but it allows the children to develop in a positive all round manner, and in that respect, it is good value. Behold, if Alyssa had not been competing at Fergus Games, we would not have had the pleasure of meeting Claude or the members of the Clan Henderson Society, nor probably knowing of the society's existence.

Thank you for the *An Canach* and we wish you continued success.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel & Ian Reid*



**Alyssa with her six-year-old sister, Kaitlyn Jenny Nuttall.**

# Ceol nan Gàidheal

The Music of the Gael

by Joan McWilliams Weiss

## Traditional Work Songs Still Going Strong!

Before the factory production of cloth, hand-weaving of homespun yarn was a necessity, but the long labor of waulking (shrinking and softening) the tweed was also a special social occasion in the Western Isles and other parts of Scotland. Planks or a door might serve as a work table for the women, seated as they passed the heavy yards of wet wool around it, beating the tweed in rhythm to their haunting songs. The verses reflected their lives and concerns. A leader sang a line or more, and the others joined in a chorus:

*Dh'eirich mi moch maduinn Cheitein —*

Early I woke, one May morning —

### CHORUS:

*Faill-ill e ill u ill o, Hiuraibh o na ho ro eille, Faill ill e ill u o*

Sweet the choir that I did hear —(chorus)

Thrushes' song among the bushes — (chorus)

Larks a-singing on the wing — (chorus)

On a lovely dew-crenched morning — (chorus)

Trout a-leaping in the pools — (chorus)

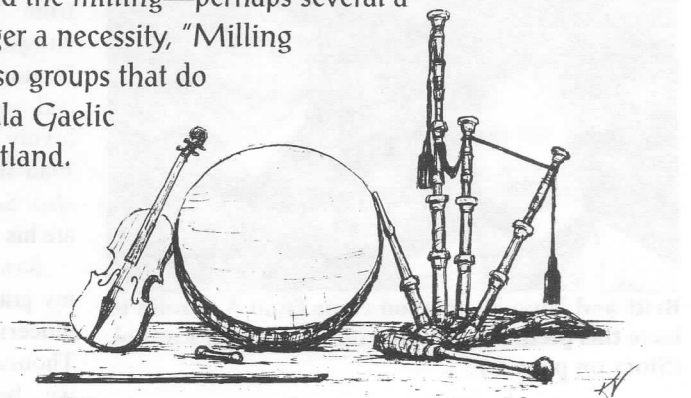
Cattle lowing on the sheiling — (chorus)

Young calves romping in the fields — (Chorus)

English translation by Rhoda MacRitchie

This song was taught to Gaelic learners in the 1994 U.S. Mod by Adjudicator Rhoda MacDonald MacRitchie of Harris — home of the renowned Harris Tweed!

In Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, both men and women did the milling—perhaps several a week, October–December, in the 1920s. Though no longer a necessity, "Milling Frolics" are popular community events there. There are also groups that do waulkings at festivals, etc, in the U.S.A. (such as Mac-talla Gaelic Singers in the Greater Washington, D.C. area) and in Scotland. Beautiful songs and real exercise!!!







# Games, Festivals, and Gatherings

## Great Lakes Region

### Great Lakes Happenings

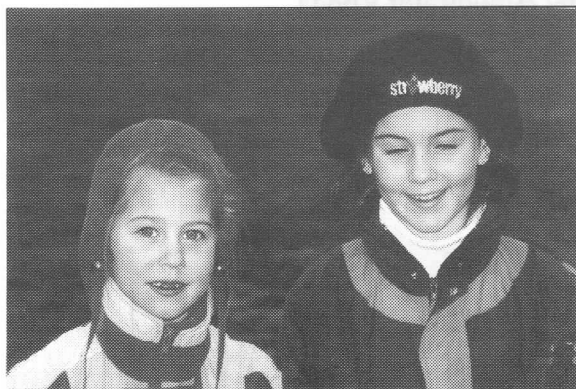
#### 1997 in Review

by Doug Henderson  
Commissioner

Jean Skinner Andelson is the Great Lakes Commissioner for Clan Gregor. We have become best of friends since I started getting into this Scottish stuff (Sorry Russ and Rex!) a few years back. Jean, after all, is the one who presented us with the "Beastie." She continues to remind me that what Clan Gregor so thoughtfully gave us was "The Cow of the Hendersons'" and that we in our bad judgment, renamed it. The last we heard this "Thing" was residing in Calgary. Andy continues to invite all of us to scenic Western Canada but neglected to mention in his last article that you will be stuck with the "Beastie" if you go there.



*Our "Beastie" waiting in Calgary for a ride to Grandfather Mountain*



**Britt and Nina Henderson came from Australia to have this picture taken in front of the U.S. Capitol. (Story on page 1.)**

It should come as no surprise that Jean and the Gregors hosted Rob Roy's 326th Birthday Celebration last March. So that's how we jump-started our Scottish season around here.

In May, I convinced the Gregors that they should show up for the Edinboro Highland Festival near Erie, Pennsylvania. They got there at 8:00 A.M. and we helped them put up their tent. Three hours later their tent was down, their car was packed and they were on their way back to Cleveland. That was about the time the rain was coming at us horizontally and the wind had knocked down some of the large vendors' tents.

June found us back at Oberlin for the Ohio Games. There was a golf outing on Thursday. The scramble was fun and we got to meet some new folks. Kathleen has some friends whose kids are talented distance runners, so we put some tartan on them and off they went in the kilted mile. Mitchell Santiago was training for the Boston Marathon and felt that "the Kilted Sprint" was a bit short in the distance department and placed second. Betsy Jeffers, who earned a cross country scholarship, won the Women's Division. We are indebted to Betsy as her victory gives us free tent space at this year's games.

In August Kathleen and I embarked on our own Henderson Homelands Tour. Heading north from Syracuse we arrived in Kingston, Ontario at the home of David and Barbara Henderson. My dad was born in Kingston. We had a lovely time there. Commissioner John W. and his family met us there also. Seems that David and Barbara are his parents!

Saw Queens University where my grandfather taught electrical engineering and took a cruise of the Thousand Islands. From Kingston we headed to Almonte where

grandpa was born in 1879. Almonte is the only place in Canada named after a Mexican general but nobody knows why! The town is near Ottawa. The Mississippi River runs through it and Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, was born there. After a day in Ottawa we headed to Toronto to visit Aunt Margaret and Uncle Pat. Margaret is my dad's sister. A couple of years ago she completed a university course in creative writing. Uncle Pat (87) was born in Fergus where we went next for the Fergus games and the AGM. At Fergus I had the pleasure to meet David C. Henderson, his sister Helene and their father Tom. All are from Michigan. David is a remarkable young man. He is completing his senior year of high school and is our Bodyguard Leader for the Great Lakes Region. He is also an Internet Whiz and has written several articles for *An Canach*. Tom has agreed to convene the Alma Games for us this year. It will be our first Clan gathering in Alma and I have agreed to join him there. (It might be David's prom night!)

In September we met Mike and Joan at Ligonier, Pennsylvania and found a big party of Hendersons from Ohio who had been camping out in the surrounding mountains in full tartan regalia. (Page 1 of January 1998 *An Canach*) Actually, Jim and Sue Henderson from Hudson, Ohio and their family were with us in Oberlin too. We had a meeting at their home in November. In December they joined our party at Trinity Cathedral. Trinity converted their cathedral in downtown Cleveland into a 14th century Scottish castle for a Medieval Feast. It was a terrific evening!

With our new strength—1998 will be great!

## Northeastern Region

Dear Cousins:

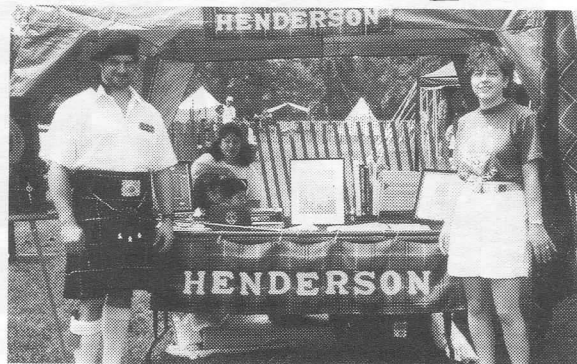
As I sit and ponder the past years as a member of the Clan Henderson Society, I cannot help but remember all the various games in the area, meeting new faces and hearing interesting stories. The feeling of kinship is overwhelming when other Henderson families visit the Clan tent to make themselves at home, as if we were of the same family—and are we not!

As I take on the challenging role as the new Commissioner of the Northeastern Region, I have the honor of taking on the very exciting task of bringing all Hendersons together, as did our past Commissioners Harold Henderson and Paul Roy Henderson. I will always hold special memories of these two gentlemen. Harold Henderson not only helped establish the Clan Henderson Society in this region, but he had a special way of making us all feel part of a family. I truly thank his entire family for introducing myself and my family to the Society and getting me interested in becoming a member

of the "D" Company Buffalo City Guards—Gordon Highlanders as a piper.

Paul Roy Henderson was a great man as well. He had a way of putting things into perspective — the philosophical way. Paul always had great support at the games. He made sure he had family at games he was not able to attend. I have had tremendous support at the Amherst, New York games from Paul who would stop by with members from the Knight Templars Masonic order. It was always such an honor to have these knights dressed in full regalia to guard the Henderson colors as we marched out onto the field. What a feeling to see the spectators look on in awe!

As we move forward into this new year, I am looking for information, help and volunteers. What, where and when are the Scottish events in your area? Would you like to see Clan Henderson support at these events/games? Maybe you would like to be more involved, possibly to convene a game or two? Don't be shy. Come to a game and make yourself at home at the tent—I could use some company! I need convenors—especially in the New England states, pipers & drummers, body guards, and a chaplain. We need to develop strong leadership in this region. If not interested in these positions, drop me a line anyway. Let's hear about your genealogy,



**Gary and Moira Henderson gathering the Clan. Gary is the Commissioner and Moira is the Secretary for the Northeastern Region. They are also gathering regional officers.**

births, marriages, hobbies, etc.

Well, I think I've made my point. We have a dynamic area for Scottish activity, many Hendersons and descendants that we haven't met yet, and the opportunity for our region to grow stronger. We need members, both old and new, to support the Clan by attending events and convening them in their home areas.

Finally, I received an interesting call from a very enthusiastic member, Lenny Henderson. He called to tell me about a wonderful woman who is providing Lenny with a much needed service. Lenny is unable to read An Canach, so Marilyn Andrews volunteers her time to read An Canach onto tape for Lenny to listen to. Thanks, Marilyn!

Yours Aye,

Gary Henderson

## Far South Region

### 36TH ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE SCOTTISH CLANS OF TEXAS

By B.B. Shuffler

The Central Texas Area Museum at Salado, Texas, was again host to the Annual Gathering of the Scottish Clans of Texas on 7, 8, and 9 November 1997. With mild, unseasonably warm weather excellent attendance was experienced each day.

Salado is located on Interstate 35 approximately one-half the way between San Antonio and Fort Worth/Dallas, is reasonably easy to reach from these cities as well as Austin and Houston. The historic Stagecoach Inn in Salado, alongside the Old Chisolm Trail, is, in itself, a "destination" attraction having pro-

vided some 120-years of gracious Texas hospitality.

This oldest gathering of Scots in Texas was started some 35-plus years ago by Mrs. Sterling C. Robertson of Salado to provide a wee touch of Scottish Heritage exposure to Texans living in the area the Robertson family ancestor, Empresario Sterling Clack Robertson, a third generation Scotsman from Nashville, Tennessee, had colonized in 1834-35 under contract with the Mexican Government. Most of the 600 families that he introduced into Central Texas were of Scottish Origin. Mrs. Robertson—Lucille, as we all



Torf "the Kiltmaker" from Austin, Texas (note tape measure) with Mike Henderson, a school band director from Wharton, Texas. Mike bought his kilt and is learning to play the pipes—will his school have a pipe band next year?

knew her so well, died during this past year, and the 36th Gathering of the Scottish Clans was dedicated to her memory.

The Clan Henderson Society tent was set up by Bill and Kassie Shuffler, and Dick and Sue Coffman of Fort Worth and Grand Prairie, respectively. Since we had not convened a tent at the 35th gathering, we were unable to get the excellent location we had had the previous year, thus our attendance was somewhat down. Being near the entrance to the Village Green, but not located on the inner periphery of the great circle of Clan Tents surrounding the Village Green, our traffic was somewhat limited.

We had ten Henderson Clan members in attendance at various time, signed up three new members, and sold some Henderson Collection items, caps and t-shirts.

The displays of Fordell Castle photographs and the large tartan map were attention getters, and we

followed up with clan and tartan assistance to some forty visitors. Providing Scottish Heritage exposure, is the purpose of the clan tents at these modern games. After the Genealogy Workshops on Friday, a number of visitors were directed to the Henderson Tent for assistance in identifying their family connections, and pursuing specific Henderson genealogy.

The Glen Henderson family of Jefferson, Texas, and Mike Henderson of Wharton, Texas participated in and photographed the Opening Ceremony parade. The Parade of Bands and Tartans on Sunday afternoon was much improved over previous years by using a much better route selection than before. Glen brought his bagpipe, but with so many competitions located in front of the Clan tents, we were unable to schedule a 'walkabout' for fear of interfering with dance, drum, or piping contestants in their performances.

The Kirkin' o' the Tartans ceremony Sunday morning missed the presence of our Kirkin' Henderson, Shorty, who valiantly drove down from Irving and spent a few hours with us in the tent on Saturday. The ceremony had to make do with Bill posting the Henderson Tartan.

Offering a large group of Scottish vendors presenting an excellent variety of wares, a great selection Scottish food, sheep dog trials and athletics, the John Ambrose, Jr. Memorial Scramble golf event, fine entertainment, Ceilidh, genealogy workshops, Tattoo, and competitions with a number of world-class participants, it was obvious that the Clan Gathering at Salado will continue to be a winner! A tradition to be retained: "Scots Always Gather the Full Weekend nearest November 11 in Salado, Come Ye Back 13-15 November 1998."

## Midwest City 3rd Annual Scottish Highland Festival

by Christi Heston

Just outside Oklahoma City is a beautiful park that is the setting for a rapidly growing games. Friday evening was the start with an organized Ceilidh/Buffer with entertainment that included a Canadian Squadron pipe band, a Celtic band, Irish dancers, Scottish dancers, lots of jokes and a story teller. Saturday morning was as usual the setup and a good lesson in determination. Upon arrival at the park we found our space but not the tent and chairs we had paid for. So in order not to have the Henderson space unrepresentable, we proceeded to put up the table in hopes they would find our tent. First they found the canvas, then we found an extra frame and eventually the Hendersons were in business. Within 15 minutes of the gate opening we had our first new member, Richard M. Henderson, who also purchased sweatshirt, tee shirt and cap, he told us that there was to be a real Scottish wedding in the pavilion that day and many of the guests were Hendersons. We managed by days end to obtain 7 new members for Clan Henderson and gave out many more flyers with applications attached.

The games were amateur, the sheep dogs were demonstrating their skills, the dancing competition was as beautiful as ever, there were 6 pipe bands in competition, and individual pipe competition. Patrick Heston is a new piper for Clan Henderson, starting 18 months ago on chanter and has been playing pipes for just 6 months, his instructor told him that he was good enough to skip novice competition, so he competed for the first time with full drones in Grade 4. Clan Henderson should be proud that he finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 12 pipers. He is currently piping with the Red Lion Pipe Band of Oklahoma City, who were so kind as to stop by the tent to play Clan Henderson a tune.



At the 1997 Anne Arundel Games in Maryland



I would like to thank David Henderson of Tulsa, who helped make the arrangements. Bill Shuffler of Arlington Texas, who was so kind as to mail the Henderson kit to Patrick so we could have the Henderson tent looking as it should. My husband Bob Heston, Clan Graham, for helping me to man the tent and even signing 2 members himself while we were in the clan parade. My sister Leigh Maddox, one of our newest members, for all of her support in the tent. All in all a wonderful time in Midwest City and a games that Clan Henderson should never miss.

## Mid East Region

1997

### Commissioner Report Mid East Region

by Lee Henderson

The year's activities involved Clan Henderson in seventeen Scottish gatherings in the Mid-East Region. Expanding the number of events and going to new areas was a goal that was met in 1997. Recruitment of new members, encouraging participation in events and providing camaraderie for all members were other goals. Thirty-five new members joined at events where Clan Henderson was represented. \$408.50 worth of Henderson Goods were sold.

In the attempt to encourage members to participate as convenors, a one page synopsis of the Convenor's Handbook gave a set of guidelines to do the job. The purpose was to make the job less intimidating and answer common concerns and questions. A copy of the handbook was also provided. New convenor's were offered the assistance of an experienced clan member for their first experience if

they so desired. Convenor's from past events who were willing to convene again were recruited and supported as needed. An article about convening and it's rewards was submitted to the An Canach to stimulate interest.

A tent was needed and purchased for events. Goods for the kit were refurbished as much as possible, given time restraints, and new waterproof containers were provided for the goods. An inventory of the clan tent goods was made and given to the convenors. Clan crest clothing was inventoried and some new goods ordered from the quartermaster.

A schedule of upcoming events for the region was distributed to convenors to be shared with new members to encourage their participation in Scottish activities and to continue their enthusiasm.

Personal notes were sent to new members to welcome them and reassure them that their membership was being processed and they would begin to receive AnCanach in the near future. The commissioner's address and phone number were included as a resource for any questions about the clan or activities.

#### GOALS FOR 1998

1. Encourage members to participate in Scottish activities, particularly those in which Clan Henderson is involved.
2. Attempt to reach more potential members by increasing clan representation at more events.
3. Retain experienced convenors and recruit new ones.
4. Promote fellowship among clan members at events and in local areas (if region is not too wide-spread)
5. Continue to contact new members soon after they join the society.
6. Refurbish more of the tent goods used at events.

## Eastern Canada

## South West Region

### Regional Member Honored by her Peers

by Robert Henderson

Peggy Zanin Ramsey, a member of the Clan Henderson Society, and her husband Jack, both active with the St. Andrews Society of Colorado received the coveted "Tartan Award" at the St. Andrews Society recent Burns Supper.

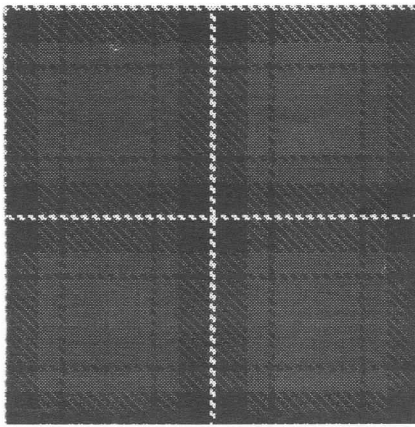
In their ten-year association with the Society, Peggy worked her way through the ranks of the Council to become the Society's first ever Lady Chieftain. Jack at the same time took over as Membership Chairman for the Society.

They will be taking a less active role in view of their recent move to Colorado's Western Slope.

Our congratulations to Peggy and Jack.



The Henderson Family Picnic was held at Seafoam, Nova Scotia. Included among the eighty-eight Henderson family members at the picnic were all seven children of the late Frank and Janie Henderson. Shown in the back row from the left: Wilbert Henderson, Marion Palmer, Johnnie Henderson. Front row from the left: Jean Langille, Gladys Battist, Fred Henderson, and Katherine Jewers.



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## 105th CONGRESS

### 2d Session

### S. RES. 155

*Designating April 6 of each year as 'National Tartan Day' to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States.*

#### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

November 10, 1997

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ABRAHAM, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. HELMS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BUNIPERS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. MACK, Mr. REID, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. COATS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

March 19, 1998

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

Considered and agreed to

March 20, 1998

#### RESOLUTION

Designating April 6 of each year as 'National Tartan Day' to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States.

Whereas April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320 and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on that inspirational document;

Whereas this resolution honors the major role that Scottish Americans played in the founding of this Nation, such as the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish ancestry, Scottish Americans successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guide this Nation through its most troubled times;

Whereas this resolution recognizes the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish Americans that have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts;

Whereas this resolution commends the more than 200 organizations throughout the United States that honor Scottish heritage, tradition, and culture, representing the hundreds of thousands of Americans of Scottish descent, residing in every State, who already have made the observance of Tartan Day on April 6 a success; and

Whereas these numerous individuals, clans, societies, clubs, and fraternal organizations do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates April 6 of each year as 'National Tartan Day'.

# Hendersons in History



## Chalmers Church, Edinburgh Extract Minute of Kirk Session

*At Edinburgh the 26th day of March, 1944, which day the Kirk Session of Chalmers Church met and was constituted.*

Inter Alia

There was submitted a memorial minute in reference to the late Mr. William S. Henderson, Elder, same being in the following terms, viz. —

“It is with feelings of deep regret that the members of the Kirk Session are called upon to record the loss of Mr. William S. Henderson, Elder, of 14 Viewforth Square, whose death took place on March, 19th.

“According to the Church Records, William Scougall Henderson was born on 1st October and baptised on 4th November, 1877. He had a lifelong connection with the ‘West Port’, and that connection was not of the ‘paper-membership’ variety, for all along he took an active interest in the various activities of the church and rendered valuable service in connection with many of its organisations, such as the Young Men’s Fellowship Association, the Literary Society of the ‘nineties’, the Tract Association, the various departments of our mission work in the Old Church, and later in the Congregational Sunday School, in which

for many years he was a Teacher and for a time the Superintendent.”

“In 1896 he had joined the membership of the Church, and in 1906 was ordained a Deacon. It may be noted here that Mr. Henderson was a man of very decided ideas and, after serving for a time as a Deacon, he resigned, having taken exception—if we remember aright—to some of the dogmas obtaining in the Church at that time. Later on, these dogmas having been very considerably modified, he agreed to accept the Eldership and was ordained to that office in 1923.

“He for a time was Elder of District 31 (Marchmont area) but latterly of District 30 (Morningside area). He was an ideal elder and was persona grata with all the members in his District, of whom he took a really pastoral care

“He had been compelled to relinquish the Superintendentship of the Sunday School on account of impaired health, but was able to carry on his district work. Within recent months, however, his trouble devel-

oped, and he was ultimately removed to the Royal Infirmary, where he died suddenly on Sunday last—19th March.”

“We shall miss him much, not only as a valuable worker in our midst, but as a brother beloved, and we would extend our heart-felt sympathy to his widow and family and all other sorrowing relatives and friends.”

Minute was adopted and instructions given that an extract copy thereof be sent to Mrs. Henderson.

Extracted by -  
Session Clerk

Edinburgh. 28th March 1944

This remembrance reminds us of the many contributions made by members of the extended Henderson Clan. Grandson William Scougall Henderson and his wife live near Dallas, Texas. Bill works for Mobil. For several years he was the President of the Alexandria (VA) Scottish Heritage Fair.





# The Harper

by Virginia M. Broussard

## MAIRE'S WEDDING

Even researching Scottish wedding music can lead to brushes with history! Not long ago, an inquiry about my playing for a wedding sent me in search of Scottish tunes relating to nuptials. Not surprisingly, most that I could find had been collected in the Western Isles (the Outer Hebrides). These islands, relatively isolated from the mainland until the latter part of the 19th century, preserved old customs, folklore, and music long after this heritage had been forgotten in more populated areas.

Pipers traditionally played the tune of the Vatersay waking song "*O Faodaidh Sinn Eirigh*" to waken a newly wedded couple on the morning after the marriage. Somewhat related to bridal tunes, I found that the lyrics of "*Auld Robin Gray*" by Lady Anne Lindsay were set to the old air "*The Bridegroom Greets When the Sun Gaes Down*".

From the Simon Fraser Collection came two others. "*A Bhanais Iortach*" ("*The St. Kilda Wedding March*") derives from islands west of the Outer Hebrides, almost completely isolated from the mainland until after 1850. Indeed its population had adapted completely to life on a windswept island teeming with sea birds. Victo-

rian tourists found a people shod not in shoes of leather, but in footwear fashioned from the skin covering the necks and heads of gannets. In search of a better life, the last of the native islanders—wearied of hardship and poverty—abandoned St. Kilda in the 1930's.

The English title that Fraser gave to "*An Oidhche robh na 'Phosadh*" (literally, "*The Night of the Wedding*") is particularly intriguing. Despite its Gaelic title, he chose the English name "*The Foot Washing*," Fraser explained that in times past, washing the feet was an important part of Scottish nuptial celebrations some areas.

Last of all, I chuckled over the title of the tune popularly known as "*The Lewis Bridal Song*" or "*Maire's Wedding*." It seems the association of this tune with weddings was the creation of Sir Hugh Robertson who heard it while judging at Scotland's National Mod. Homeward he went to write new lyrics! A traditional Scottish wedding song was born. Actually, it is a *puirt-a-beul* ("mouth music") dance tune. Originally titled "*Mac an 'Irish*" ("*Son of 'The Irish*"), many of its verses have been lost. (For many years, priests and catechists repressed the "vain songs" of mouth music.) The

surviving original lyrics express the determination of a young woman to wed the son of an Irish immigrant to Lewis. The young man was obviously tall, handsome, and very dark.

Once again the past of Scotland lies embedded in a song! The young man was not likely so dark at all! Most natives of Lewis, especially several generations ago, were noticeably fair-skinned. Such was their legacy from the Vikings of Norway who raided—and later ruled—the Western Isles beginning in the late 8th century.

Finally, under the terms of the Treaty of Perth (1266), Alexander II of Scotland paid Magnus of Norway 400 marks (plus a perpetual annual payment of 100 marks) of Norway for the return the Hebrides to Scottish control. However, the near independence of the native Lords of the Isles, themselves of Norse descent, did not end until the Lordship was destroyed by James IV of Scotland in the 1490s. Even then, the Highland regions would remain a "thorn in the side" of the kings of Scotland and England until Culloden (1745).

# Coming Events 1998

These are not all of the events to take place around North America. Reasons they are not all listed here are as follows:

There is no one accurate complete list of Games for the U.S. and Canada

- ◆ Games committees have not yet published their schedule in the Scottish American media.
- ◆ An Canach does not get media input for Canadian Games.
- ◆ All regional plans have not been submitted; therefore not all games are listed on submitted annual plans.
- ◆ Commissioners have not received information from their regional officers/convenors.
- ◆ Games actually do not have a local Henderson representing the Clan as Convenor for that Games

Why does An Canach need your help to keep track of the Games and other events which serve as gathering sites for Clan Henderson?

It is quite simple. The fastest and most accurate way for us to know when an event will take place is for a local clan member to be in contact with the games committee, and then to report the information.

That's the first step to being a Convenor and a great way to help Clan Henderson. Won't you take that first step?



An Canach ♦ Spring 1998

## April

- 4 Dunedin Highland Games & Festival  
Dunedin, FL
- 4-5 Hawaiian Scottish Festival  
Kapiolani Park  
Honolulu, HI
- 17 Kena Highlanders' Tartan Ball  
Kena Temple  
Fairfax, VA
- 17-19 Loch Norman Highland Games  
Rural Hill Plantation  
Huntersville, NC
- 18 Celtic Fest '98  
Westfair, Council Bluffs, IA
- 18-19 Celtic Heritage Festival  
Kilgore College  
Judson, TX
- 24-26 Ozark Scottish Festival  
Lyon College  
Batesville, AR
- 25 Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland  
Prince Frederick, MD
- 25-26 4th Annual Culloden Highland Games And Scottish Festival  
Culloden, GA
- 25-26 Sacramento Valley Games  
Yolo Co. Fairgrounds  
Woodland, CA  
Larry Mae Phillips

## May

- 1 26th Annual Macalester Scottish Country Fair & Highland Games  
Macalester College  
St. Paul, MN
- 1-3 Elizabethtown Scots-Irish Heritage Weekend  
Elizabethtown Fairgrounds & Donegal Presbyterian Church  
Elizabethtown, PA
- 2 Scottish Heritage USA  
Spring Gathering  
East Haddam, Ct (910) 295-4448
- 8-9 1998 Houston Highland Games & Scottish Festival  
Houston Farm & Ranch Club  
Houston, TX
- 8-10 16th Annual Kentucky Scottish Weekend  
General Butler State Resort Park  
Carrollton, KY
- 9 Savannah Scottish Games & Highland Gathering  
Old Fort Jackson  
Savannah, GA
- 14 Annual National Memorial Police Pipe Band March  
Washington, D.C.
- 14-17 Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games  
Mills Park  
Gatlinburg, TN
- 15-16 2nd Annual Scottish Border Games & Gathering: "Scots On The Border"  
Fort Smith, AR
- 16 Colonial Highland Gathering  
Fair Hill Natural Resources Area  
Media, PA
- 16 Edinboro Highland Games  
Edinboro University Of Pa  
Edinboro, PA
- 16 Springfield Highland Games And Celtic Festival  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Springfield, IL
- 22-24 Alma Highland Games  
Alma, MI

- 23-24 United Scottish Society 66th Highland Gathering & Festival  
Orange County Fairgrounds  
Redondo Beach, CA
- 28-29 Glasgow Highland Games  
Barren River Lake Park  
Lucas, KY
- 30 Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival And Highland Games  
Menaul School  
Albuquerque, NM

## June

- 5-7 Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games  
Maverick Stadium  
Arlington, TX
- 6 Bellingham Highland Games  
Hovander Park  
Bellingham, WA
- 6 11th Annual McHenry Highland Festival  
Garrett County Fairgrounds  
McHenry, MD
- 6 Highland Games & Gathering Of The Clans  
Toulumne Park  
Modesto, CA  
Larry Mae Phillips
- 6-7 Tri-Valley Celtic Society And University Of Rio Grande  
7th Annual Celtic Festival  
University Of Rio Grande  
Rio Grande, OH
- 12-13 Utah Highland Games  
Murray City Park  
Salt Lake City, UT
- 12-14 Fredericksburg International Scottish Highland Games And Irish Festival  
Maury Stadium  
Fredericksburg, VA
- 13 Kansas City Scottish Highland Games & Ceilidh  
Barstow School  
Kansas City, MO
- 20 Campbell Highland Games & Celtic Gathering  
Campbell, CA  
Larry Mae Phillips
- 20 Delco Scottish Games (Delco/Devon) Media PA
- 20 Loch Sloy Highland Games  
Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada  
Gary Henderson
- 20-21 Potomac Celtic Festival Morven Park  
International Equestrian Center  
Leesburg, VA
- 25-26 Virginia Scottish Games  
Alexandria VA
- 25-27 Ohio Scottish Games  
Oberlin College  
Oberlin, OH
- 26-28 San Diego Scottish Highland Games & International Gathering  
Rancho Santa Fe Park  
San Marcos, CA
- 27 Illinois St. Andrew Society Chicago  
Area Highland Games  
Gaelic Park  
Oak Forest, IL

## July

- 4 Round Hill Highland Games  
Cranbury Park  
Norwalk, CT
- 9-12 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games  
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- 18 Pike's Peak Highland Games &  
Celtic Festival  
Coronado High School  
Colorado Springs, CO
- 18-19 Heritage Fair  
City Hall Grounds  
Warren, OH
- 25 Indiana Highland Games  
Zollner Stadium  
Fort Wayne, IN

### August

- 7-8 Central New York Scottish Games  
Long Branch Park  
Liverpool, NY
- 15 20th Maine Highland Games  
Thomas Point Beach  
Brunswick, ME
- 22 Amherst Scottish Festival  
Amherst, NY  
Gary Henderson
- 22 St. Andrew's Society Of Vermont  
26th Annual Scottish Festival  
Quechee Polo Field  
Quechee, VT
- 22 Kalamazoo Scottish Festival  
River Oaks Park  
Kalamazoo, MI

### September

- 5-6 Caledonian Club of San Francisco  
Alameda Co. Fairgrounds  
Pleasanton, CA  
Larry Mae Phillips
- 12 Ligonier Highland Games  
Ligonier PA
- 12 Cincinnati Highland Dance Competition  
& Celtic Festival Ault Park  
Cincinnati, OH
- 19 Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair  
Alexandria VA
- 19 Fresno Games  
Coombs River Ranch  
Fresno, CA  
Larry Mae Phillips
- 26 Williamsburg Scottish Festival  
Williamsburg VA

### October

- 3 Chesapeake Celtic Festival  
Show Hill MD
- 3-4 Scottish Expo & Highland Games  
Frederick MD
- 3-4 Loch Lomond Games  
Highland Park  
Ben Lomond, CA  
Larry Mae Phillips
- 10 Anne Arundel Scottish Festival & Games  
(Annapolis)  
Crownsville MD
- 10 Radford Highlanders Festival  
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- 23-25 Richmond Highland Games & Celtic  
Festival Richmond VA \$68
- 25 Kirkin O'Th' Tartan  
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### December

- 5 Alexandria Christmas Walk  
Alexandria VA

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